

# Welcome to Reception



at Ashford Church of England  
Primary School.

# Who's who in Reception



Mrs Forster  
Reception teacher



Miss Richardson  
Reception teacher



Mrs Weir  
Reception teacher



Mrs Parsons  
Teaching and learning assistant



Mrs Duguid  
Teaching and learning assistant



# Characteristics of Learning

## Learning through Play

At this age it is still through play that children learn best.

**A wide range of play activities will help to develop:**

- Children's language
- Their thinking and understanding of the world

**Children need to experience:**

- Playing on their own and with other children
- Playing inside and outside
- Playing with toys and playing imaginatively



## Developing key learning characteristics crucial to effective learning

Throughout Reception, the children are encouraged to develop effective skills critical to life-long learning.

These include:

- Playing and exploration skills
- Active learning (being instructed to 'have a go')
- Being creative and able to 'think critically'

## Developing basic communication skills

### Modelling key skills:

- Talking with your child and listening to what s/he has to say.
- Talking about the things you see and do during your daily routines
- Encouraging your child to mix with other children both at your home and in other locations.
- Playing simple games like I-spy, lotto, dominoes and jigsaw puzzles.
- **Teach your child to take turns, to share and to lose!**



# Getting ready for School



## Developing pre-learning skills

### Encouraging your child to help with simple tasks:

- Sorting washing
- Pairing socks
- Laying the table

### Looking and talking about their environment:

- Shop signs
- House numbers
- Colours of cars

### Becoming independent:

- Being able to 'busy' themselves independently.

### Developing early Literacy skills:

- Make pens, pencils, and paints available for your child to experiment with.
- Practice nursery rhymes as they help children learn about rhythm, rhyme and patterns of language.
- Listen to, sing and enjoy nursery rhymes and story tapes.



# Getting ready for School

## Practical ways of helping your child develop greater independence:

Ensuring your child is independent in the toilet and can flush and wash his/her hands.

Teaching your child to blow his/her own nose and dispose of or store the tissue.

Encouraging your child to put on and take off his/her coat, and manage the fastenings.

Practice changing for P.E.

If you choose packed lunches, have a practice before starting school. *(Check your child can open the box and wrappings and manage the drink.)*

If you choose school dinners, practice using a knife and fork.





# Housekeeping.

Name everything!

Children to bring their book bag daily.

Every child should have a water bottle. No juice.